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- ☐ continuation patent application of
- ☐ divisional patent application of
- ☐ continuation-in-part patent application of

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For: METHOD OF USING A MASK PROGRAMMED KEY TO SECURELY CONFIGURE A FIELD PROGRAMMABLE GATE ARRAY

☒ This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:  
UK patent application GB 0002829.0, filed February 9, 2000; U.S. provisional patent application 60/181,118, filed February 8, 2000; and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application 09/747,759, filed December 21, 2000; which are incorporated by reference along with all references cited in this application.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 1 Title page
- ☒ 28 page(s) of specification
- ☒ 4 page(s) of claims
- ☒ 1 page of Abstract
- ☒ 6 sheet(s) of ☒ formal drawing(s).
- ☒ A ☒ unsigned Declaration.
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